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working in them, and we're not taking care of one of our base duties. And this is only \$37.5 million, practically nothing. I was amazed that Senator Janssen didn't get his. I should put one in, maybe a cent, cent and a half for the city of Norfolk, or Madison County. I don't know what we'd use the money for. Maybe we can take everybody on a trip to Europe; two weeks in Europe, give them each a Ford car, we'd still have money left; give them three cartons of unfiltered Camels and a paid-up burial policy. That's where we are now. We can choose between what we should do and what is politically expedient to do. This is the politically expedient thing, shut these people up, give them the money. And then in 15 years they'll be back for more. And we will still say, well, let's give them what they want. The other problems, let's not bother...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: ...with them. We have the sternest sort of duty, prioritize for the greater good of the entire state. And that is the reason that I cannot support this. And I urge each and every one of you to think about what you have as a duty and if you think about that, I believe and I hope that you will also fail to support this bill. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Beutler, yours is the last light; did you wish to take your five minutes or close?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would close, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to close on advancement of LB 657.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, at long last we're here and I, too, would like to thank you for your patience. One hundred and sixty million dollars in the last five years has been paid out on building renewal. That is not a neglected program. Despite what you have heard from several people, it is simply not a neglected program. This bill again was introduced on behalf of the Governor. I would like to ask you to think again about the fact that each one of us sees a little part of